THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED):

	1987	1988	1989	Dec. 89	Jan. 90	Feb. 90
Murder	4	3	4	1	..	..
Thefts	257	293	349	23	31	19

Security Provided for the Prime Minister and his family

994. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of security being provided at present to the Prime Minister and his family in different parts of the country; and

(b) whether there is any plan to further strengthen the security in view of the present situation in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) The Special Protection Group provides proximate security to the Prime Minister and members of his immediate family. Other security arrangements are made in accordance with the rules laid down in this regard and they are entirely the responsibility of the State Government or the Administration within whose jurisdiction for the time being the PM happens to be present. The security environment is constantly under review and additional measures taken, if necessary, depending on the threat perception.

Expenditure on security of V.I.P. and V.V.I.P.'s

995. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the expenditure incurred on the security of the Prime Minister of India, Union Ministers and Members of Parliament, separately, from October 1989 to February, 1990, monthwise ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED) : The Special Protection Group (SPG) is responsible for providing proximate security to the Prime Minister and the members of his family. SPG also provides security at the residence and the office of the Prime Minister in Delhi. For a part of the period covered by the Question, SPG provided security to both the present PM and the ex-PM. Besides SPG, there are other agencies involved in providing security to the Prime Minister like Delhi Police and the State Police authorities. The security arrangements for the Union Ministers and Members of Parliament are made by Delhi Police during their stay in Delhi and by the concerned State/UT police during their visits out of Delhi.

The approximate expenditure towards salaries, wages, travel expenses and transport of SPG personnel incurred during the period Oct. 1989 to Feb. 90 is given below :—

	Rs.
October, 1989 . . .	44,11,959
November, 1989 . . .	33,56,872
December, 1989 . . .	41,70,646
January, 1990 . . .	37,63,267
February, 1990 . . .	32,22,119

Similarly, the expenditure incurred by the Delhi Police during the period as follows :—

	Union Ministers	Members of Parliament
	Rs.	Rs.
Oct. 1989 .	1,74,933	64,449
Nov. 1989	1,69,290	62,370
Dec. 1989 .	73,656	1,38,105
Jan. 1990 .	73,656	1,28,898
Feb. 1990 .	66,528	97,119

News report captioned 'Airline in Asylum-Seekers Racket'

996. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY :
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report captioned 'Airline in Asylum-Seekers Racket' which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 6th February, 1990 ;

(b) if so, how far the report that a large number of Sikhs and Afghan refugees from New Delhi were smuggled out to various cities in Eastern and Western Europe ;

(c) what is Government's reaction in this regard ; and

(d) what weakness in Indian laws have been identified in relation to this smuggling ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED) : (a) to (d) Apart from the News item 'Airline in Asylum-Seekers Racket' which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated 7th February, 1990, no such information has come to the notice of the Government.

The Immigration authorities at all the International Airports in India, however, do not allow entry/departure of foreigners whenever their travel documents are found to be forged.

Setting up of a High-Powered Media Watch Five Member Board

997. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a High-Powered Media Watch Five Member Board ; and

(b) if so, what could be its powers *vis-a-vis* broadcasting and telecasting authorities in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) and (b) The Government proposes to set up a Media Monitoring Committee to ensure that programming is objective, impartial and of the highest quality in radio and television.

Second channel of Madras Doordarshan

998. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the people of Tamil Nadu, especially in the Southern District, are long awaiting for linking the 2nd channel of Madras Doordarshan to Kodaikanal ; and